

Intimations.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM!!!

A SPECIAL TELEGRAM has been received from the Head Office of the **EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY** of the United States, giving figures (Sterling) showing the outlines of the Society's business during 1895. These are as follows:—

| 1895. | 1894. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS.....£41,870,950 | ASSETS.....£38,580,888 |
| SURPLUS.....£ 8,403,350 | SURPLUS.....£ 7,787,459 |

Accepted New Business, £27,516,360

Improvement during Year 1895.

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|--------------------------|------------|
| INCREASE IN ASSETS..... | £3,286,058 |
| INCREASE IN SURPLUS..... | £ 675,877 |

A LARGE SURPLUS

IS THE

BEST TEST OF STRENGTH

AND

GUARANTEE OF FUTURE BONUSES.

These figures show a MARKED IMPROVEMENT ALL ROUND ON THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, and point to the CONTINUOUS SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY that have marked the Society's proceedings from its infancy.

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J. T. HAMILTON,

General Manager for the East.

Shanghai, 4th February, 1896.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST RECEIVED. A FRESH SUPPLY OF

SALTER'S FAMOUS BLACK GUT TENNIS RACQUETS.

ALSO IN STOCK.

"THE DEMON" and other makes.

TENNIS RACQUET PRESSES.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1896.

Today's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 39.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 24th day of February, 1896, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary,
Hongkong, 8th February, 1896.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1896, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Three Lots of CROWN LAND, at North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

| No. of Sale. | Regist. No. | Locality. | Boundary Measurements. | Contents in Acres, Roods, and Poles. | Annual Rent. | Upset Price. |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | M.L. 111. | North of the | 500 500 500 | 50 50 50 | \$ 50,000 | 740,000 |
| 2. | M.L. 112. | North of the | 500 500 500 | 50 50 50 | \$ 50,000 | 740,000 |
| 3. | M.L. 113. | North of the | 500 500 500 | 50 50 50 | \$ 50,000 | 740,000 |

Today's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 40.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

TUESDAY,

the 25th day of February, 1896, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary,
Hongkong, 8th February, 1896.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1896, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Wanchai, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale. | Regist. No. | Locality. | Boundary Measurements. | Contents in Acres, Roods, and Poles. | Annual Rent. | Upset Price. |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | M.L. 114. | South of Wanchai Road. | 500 500 500 | 50 50 50 | \$ 50,000 | 740,000 |

Today's Advertisements.



HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1896.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd February.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION TO THE GRAND STAND AN ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD. Price \$5 for the Meeting.

Tickets for the Day may be purchased at the Gate; Price, \$2 each.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [347]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 20th, 21st and 22nd instant.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [348]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days without Tickets, which can be had on application to the Undersecretary.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [349]

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd instant respectively:—

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LD.

N. J. EDE,

Secretary,

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

L. KENNARD DAVIS,

Acting Agent,

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE Co., LD.

W. H. RAY,

Secretary,

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE Co., LD.

SHEWAN & Co.,

Agents,

YANTZSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.

GEORGE L. TOMLIN,

Acting Secretary,

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE Co., LD.

WM. MACBRAIN,

Manager,

THE STRAITS INSURANCE Co., LD.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [350]

AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1896,

AT 3 P.M.,

Opposite the CITY HALL

Upwards of FIFTY PONIES.

Suitable for Racing, Polo, &c., Selections from the Largest Stables.

Further entries received until Noon on day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [345]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [339]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM-NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA SINGAPORE AND COCHIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"

W. Harris, Commander, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1896. [303]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s Waters are made under the constant supervision of a daily qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufacture.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [1630]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS,

with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1896.

MARRIAGES.

On January 7th, at St. Francis de Sales Church, Walton, England, by the Rev. Father Keegan, JOHN DEXTER, Imperial Maritime Customs Service, China, to MARIA CRISTINA, daughter of the late John Holmes, Derby-road, Kinkdale.

At the Cathedral, Ramoon, on the 23rd ultimo, by the Reverend the Archdeacon Chard, CARL HYDE WOLLESTON, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., to KATHLEEN, daughter of the late John Valentine Moran.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1896.

RUSSIAN SPIES.

Three Russian officers were convicted at the Police Court this morning of trespassing on Crown Land and of making sketches of certain fortifications. They were found to be in possession of plans of Hongkong and of sketches of the Lyemun forts and of the batteries at Hungnam, near the Docks. The plans and drawings were confiscated and the offenders were fined \$50 each. About four years ago some German officers were caught in the neighbourhood of Vladivostok similarly employed. They are reported to have been condemned to the mines for life. Twelve months ago a young American was fined in the Police Court here \$500 for sketching near Belcher's Fort. Why were these Russian officers left off so easily? They could not plead ignorance of the laws of war, and of the penalties inflicted on spies wherever found; neither could they reasonably set up the excuse that their only object was pleasure. They are professionally interested in such matters. They should have been sent to prison without the option of a fine, and the vessel they belong to, the *Vladimir Monomach*, should be ordered out of the port at once and never allowed to re-enter. The penalties provided by the Ordinance are in our opinion much too small to act as deterrents, but insufficient as they are they ought to be strictly applied and vigilantly enforced. The Government had better print and publish detailed plans of all our forts and batteries and furnish foreign Governments with copies if it cannot make up its mind to protect them from the enterprise of our possible enemies. We hope the Government will have the good sense to report the matter home by wire at once, that a complaint may be formally laid before the Russian Government of the behaviour of its officers in a friendly port.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

DEBATE ON THE TRANSVAAL INCIDENT.

LONDON, February 14th.
In the debate on the Transvaal incident Mr. Chamberlain said that he believed Mr. Rhodes, Sir Hercules Robinson, the Reform Committee, and President Kruger were all equally ignorant of Jameson's intentions. He did not desire to insist on the autonomy of the Rand, and hoped if President Kruger disliked the proposal to submit others that would prove acceptable.

(Special to *Kobe Chronicle*)
THE DIET AND KOBE IMPROVEMENTS.

TOKIO, February 3rd.
The House of Representatives to-day passed the estimates for the proposed waterworks at Kobe, and also that for enlarging the accommodation at the Custom House.

SALE OF THE "ANNE MAIN."

NAGASAKI, February 7th.
The British barque *Anne Main* has been sold privately to Japanese for 5,850 yen, as she now lies ashore at Nishikurabe, Goto Islands.

MEN-OF-WAR AT NAGASAKI.

NAGASAKI, February 7th.
There are no less than nineteen warships now in harbour here.

(From *Japanese Papers*)

THE RISINGS IN KOREA.

TOKIO, February 1st.
News from Seoul states that the risings are being subdued.

SCOUT, February 4th.
A battle was fought at Kanchon yesterday, in which the Royal forces were successful. Chabu Chhon is to be attacked to-morrow.

EMBEZZLEMENT BY A KOREAN OFFICIAL.

SCOUT, February 2nd.
Kinkachin, formerly a member of the Government, was arrested last night. He is said to be charged with embezzling part of the revenue collected from the mines while he was a member of the Government.

EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE AT SASAKI.

NAGASAKI, February 3rd.
On the 31st ult. the ground in the vicinity of Sasaki Atago Shrine and the Sasaki-ji (Buddhist temple) began to tremble in a peculiar manner, and on the morning of the following day a fissure opened between the two temples a chong and a ken wide. Neither temple has been injured, but smoke continually arises from the fissure.

FREE SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES.

TOKIO, February 4th.
A telegram has been received by the Yokohama Specie Bank stating that the United States Senate has passed the Free Silver Coinage Bill, but that it is most improbable the measure will pass the Lower House. It is therefore considered unlikely that the silver market will be affected.

JAPANESE AND CUSTOMS DUTIES IN CHINA.

TOKIO, February 4th.
The *Official Gazette* publishes to-day a report from Baron Hayashi concerning the duties imposed on tobacco and salt imported into China. Baron Hayashi states that having received a report from Mr. Etaki, the acting Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, that the Shanghai Customs-house intended to place duties on Japanese salt and tobacco imported into China, he communicated with the Viceroy, pointing out that this was a breach of the Baiton Treaty. To that letter he received a reply stating that the Viceroy had telegraphed instructions to the Shanghai Customs House that, pending the ratification of the Commercial Treaty between Japan and China, duties should be calculated on Japanese goods on the same basis as in the case of other foreign Powers.

ARRESTED FOR DISCOURTESY TO THE CROWN PRINCE.

SHIMODA, February 5th.
To-day three persons, for being discourteous to the Crown Prince at Shimoda, in this prefecture, were at once placed under arrest.

A BANK OFFICIAL DECORATED.

TOKIO, February 5th.
Mr. Senoda Kokiichi, president of the Yokohama Specie Bank, has been rewarded with the 4th Order of Merit and insignia of the Mirror, besides being presented with a sum of 1,000 yen.

THE NEW CHINESE LOAN.

TOKIO, February 6th.
The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is reported to have offered to raise China a loan of 100,000,000 taels. No details reply has yet been received, and it is believed that China will not consent to the conditions, which are said to include the holding of certain land as a security.

THE U.S. LOAN.

TOKIO, February 7th.
According to a special telegram received by the Yokohama Specie Bank, the U.S. loan of \$100,000,000 had been subscribed five times over. When the subscription closed on the 5th inst. the sum offered reached \$568,000,000. The \$100,000,000 already stand at \$110. This favourable result is supposed to be due to the amount of money lying idle in Europe.

FRENCH CONSULAR CHANGES.

TOKIO, February 7th.
M. Girard, the French Minister at Peking, is about to return home, having been appointed Chief of the Administrative Bureau. M. G. Dabail, Consul-General at Shanghai, will succeed M. Girard at Peking, and Klobukowski, Consul-General at Yokohama, will go to Shanghai.

THE "EDGAR" RELIEF FUND.

HONGKONG, February 17th.
The Honorary Treasurer of the Edgar Relief Fund begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—
U. S. Lodge, No. 1341.....\$ 50
Brought forward.....\$ 100
Total up to date.....\$ 150

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MARK TWAIN was to lecture in Calcutta on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst.

THE death of the Maharajah of Bharnagar is reported from Bombay, after a severe attack of malarial fever.

THE Most Reverend Robert Samuel Gregg, D.D., Primate of All Ireland, died on the 10th ult. at the Palace, Armagh, at the age of 62.

THE ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., will be held at 3 p.m. on the 25th instant.

THREE cases are set down for trial at the Sessions to-morrow—one an armed attack and robbery; one drugging and robbery; and one a house-breaking case.

THE Maharaja of Nepal will probably visit the Continent and England in the spring, with a large retinue. The Maharaja proposes chartering a steamer for the voyage.

It is reported that the Czar of Russia has approved of a naval expenditure of

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